

3. (Reiterated) The nucleic acid molecule of claim 1 further comprising vector nucleic acid sequences.

*Q3* 4. (Amended) The nucleic acid molecule of claim 1 further comprising nucleic acid sequences encoding a non-COCH5B2 polypeptide.

5. (Reiterated) A host cell which contains the nucleic acid molecule of claim 1.

6. (Reiterated) The host cell of claim 5 which is a mammalian host cell.

7. (Reiterated) A non-human mammalian host cell containing the nucleic acid molecule of claim 1.

18. (Reiterated) A kit comprising a compound which selectively hybridizes to a nucleic acid molecule of claim 1 and instructions for use.

Please add claims 29-34 as follows:

*Subj C2* 29. (New) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a fragment of at least 1000 nucleotides of a nucleic acid comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:3, or a complement thereof.

*Q4* 30. (New) An isolated nucleic acid molecule which encodes a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence having at least about 83% sequence identity to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2.

*Subj D2* 31. (New) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising which encodes a fragment of a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2, wherein the fragment comprises at least 75 contiguous amino acid residues of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2.

*Sub b(c)3*

32. (New) An isolated nucleic acid molecule which encodes a naturally occurring allelic variant of a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2, wherein the nucleic acid molecule hybridizes to a nucleic acid molecule comprising SEQ ID NO:1 or SEQ ID NO:3 under stringent conditions, and wherein the polypeptide has at least one COCH5B2 activity.

*Alt concid.* 33. (New) An isolated nucleic acid molecule which encodes a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2.

*Sub D3* 34. (New) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence which has at least 90% sequence identity to a nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:3, or a complement thereof. --